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**Letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

I have been instructed by my Government to bring to your attention the fate of 43 Serbs who have been detained arbitrarily and without any legal grounds by the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) in the district prison in Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, for the past 10 months. Considering that the competent authorities, established by UNMIK, have taken no legal action over such a long period of time, 37 of the detained Serbs have been on hunger strike since 10 April. Their decision to go on strike was expedited by the release of Xhelai Ademi, an ethnic Albanian detainee, who had been under investigation for an attack on the residents of northern Kosovska Mitrovica and the throwing of two hand grenades on the members of the French KFOR, on which occasions 14 French soldiers and 22 Serbian civilians were wounded.

The detained Serbs request UNMIK to institute legal proceedings without delay and try their cases in a fair and impartial manner or to release them immediately. The failure to take requisite action is considered to be politically motivated and inconsistent with due process of law and amounts to a flagrant violation of human rights, specifically discrimination on an ethnic basis, and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav Jovanovic
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**List of 33 identified Serbian detainees on hunger strike in
Kosovska Mitrovica**

1. Kolasinac, Andjelko
2. Simic, Vekoslav
3. Levic, Stanislav
4. Matic, Nenad
5. Misic, Bogoljub
6. Jovanovic, Cedomir
7. Jovanovic, Stojan
8. Krstic, Novica
9. Misic, Danilo
10. Micic, Dejan
11. Vitosevic, Arsenije
12. Djinovic, Miodrag
13. Misic, Radislav
14. Matic, Sava
15. Jovanovic, Dragan
16. Aleksic, Vladimir
17. Aleksic, Srdjan
18. Vuckovic, Tomislav
19. Vucetic, Vladan
20. Gligorovski, Lazar
21. Vuckovic, Miroslav
22. Mutavdzic, Nebojsa
23. Popovic, Branislav
24. Simic, Igor
25. Simic, Zvezdan
26. Apostolovic, Radovan
27. Radulovic, Nenad
28. Peica, Dragisa
29. Stanojevic, Zoran
30. Joksimovic, Slobodan
31. Mladenovic, Ljubisa
32. Stolic, Ljubomir
33. Skulic, Milos